Statement

Potential areas for the development of floriculture in Himachal Pradesh

SI. No.	Name of District	Potential areas	Kind of floriculture crops that can be grown
1.	Shimla	Mashobra, Theog, Shilaroo, Mathiana Suni, Kotgarh.Kotkhai, Jubbal, Rohru, Rampur Kumarsain	Cutflowers production of bulbs and aromatic plants
2.	Solan	Chail, Dharampur, Kandaghat, Kunihar	Cut flowers, live plants, seed/ bulb multiplication.
3.	Sirmaur	Dhaulakuan, Rajgarh	Cut flowers and multiplication plants
4.	Bilaspur	Naina Devi area	Cut flowers and multiplication plants
5.	Mandi	Balh valley, Bhengrotu	Production of bulbs, aromatic plants and perfumery.
6.	Kullu	Bajaura, Shmashi, Bhuntar, Manali	Cut flowers, love plants, bulbs and perfumery.
7.	Kangra	Dharamshala, Palampur, Baijnath	Cut flowers, bulb multiplication and aromatic plants
8.	Chamba	Dalhousie, Rajpura, Banikhet	Production of bulbs and aromatic plants
9.	Kinnaur & Lahaul Spiti	Keyiong Tabo, Pooh, Sangla,	Production of aromatic plants. alpine flowers seeds, flower bulb and medicinal plants.

Mango diseases

†857. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of the mango fruit production in the

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country is wasted due to disease which destroys the flowering in the mango tress;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any research to save the mango fruit entirely;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government plan to spray pesticides with the help of helipcopters in mango producing areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) About 15-30 per cent mango production is being affected due to infestation of diseases like powdery mildew, blossom blight and attack of mango hopper during flowering period.

(b) and (c) Based on research work conducted at Central Institute of Subtropical Horticulture, Lucknow and Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore, control measures have been recommended.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no such proposal to spray pesticides with the help of helicopters in mango producing areas.

Seeds from Government Stores

858. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would educate the farmers through mass media to buy seeds only from Government retail stores;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider insuring the crop if the seeds are bought from the Government retails stores; and

(c) if so, the details of compensation to be given to farmers in case of failure of yield?